



Social Recreation Newsletter: September - December 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026 – Oley Community Fair

79th Annual Oley Valley Community Fair, 1776-2026 Celebrating the Stars and Stripes. Join us for a fun day of community and activities, including local community vendors and artisans, exhibits, farm animals, live music, car show, antique tractor show, carnival rides, and all the food options you can handle.

NOTE: You may pack your own lunch/drinks/snacks or purchase items while there.

Meeting Times:

Helping Hands Office: 9:30am-3:00pm

Fee: \$25 to cover transportation and staffing costs



Saturday, September 26, 2026 – Fall Festival at Northern Star Farm in Trappe, PA



It's that time...FALL TIME!! Join us for a beautiful fall day at Northern Star Farm to enjoy a variety of activities including a hayride, pumpkin painting, farm arcade, corn maze, giant apple slingshot, civil and revolutionary war museum, visit with barn yard animals, World Wildlife Museum and back yard games: Corn Hole, Redneck Basketball, Rope the Steer, Giant Jenga, and Checkers.

****Each participant will receive a medium sized pumpkin to paint while at the farm, to bring home.**

****Please bring along a packed lunch and spending money to purchase treats and other optional activities of interest at the farm.**

Meeting times:

Helping Hands Office: 10am-3pm

Fee: \$54.50 to cover admission + pumpkin painting, staffing, and transportation

Saturday, October 10, 2026 – Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire

Themed Weekend: Halloween Days & Spooky Knights I: The Babadunk

The veil between this world and the world beyond grows thin as creatures of all sorts converge on the Shire of Mount Hope in search of treats and trickery. A new Halloween scenario awaits all who visit in this family friendly environment. Enjoy a variety of medevil shows, games, comedy, shopping, food, jousting, human chess match, knights, horses, etc...



Please bring along (cash) spending money to purchase souvenirs, lunch, snacks, and drinks.

Meeting Times:

Helping Hands Office: 9:30am-4:30pm

Fee: \$135.20 to cover admission, transportation and staffing fees



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Friday, October 16, 2026 – Helping Hands, Inc 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner at Copperfield's in Limerick, PA



Join us for a special night as we celebrate 50 years of programming at Helping Hands, Inc. All current and former participants & families are welcome. We can provide staffing for participants as needed. Please sign up your participant by October 2, 2026 if staffing is needed. **Please see the 50th anniversary annual dinner flyer with this newsletter for further instructions to register as a family who will be in attendance. All registration is being conducted online using the QR code/link provided.** We look forward to seeing you there!!

Meeting Times: Helping Hands Office: 6:00pm – 10:00pm

Fee: \$30.00 to cover staffing and transportation

Saturday, November 7, 2026 – Fall/Holiday Arts & Crafts Day

Let's spend the afternoon together making fall/holiday themed crafts, listening to music, and enjoying the company of our friends. Snacks and Drinks provided.

- **Please eat lunch prior to arrival.**

Meeting Times: Helping Hands Office: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Fee: \$25.00 to cover staffing and transportation



Saturday, November 21, 2026 – Family Magic Show w/ Mike Miller at the Smoke & Mirror's Theatre in Glenside, PA

Featuring comedy, magic, illusions, and tons of audience interaction with magician, Mike Miller. He is a master magician and illusionist, combining magical effects with his imaginative sense of humor. The results being a delightfully clever program that you will remember for a long time to come. After seeing the show there will be no doubt in your mind that deception can be fun and makes you part of a magical experience that you won't forget.

- **Please bring along a packed lunch that can easily be eaten in the van. You may wish to bring spending money to purchase a snack or drink at the theatre. No meals will be available.**

Meeting Times: Helping Hands Office: 11:15am – 4:00pm

Fee: \$75.00 to cover admission, staffing and transportation



Saturday, December 5, 2026 – Chillin' On Main in Boyertown

Join us for a day of fun, food, and festivities at "Chillin' on Main", the ultimate Boyertown community event that brings everyone together! Philadelphia Ave. will be buzzing with activities, live entertainment, holiday shopping, and opportunities to connect and celebrate the heart of our community. Welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus and take a photo!

NOTE:

- **This is an outdoor activity on the main street of Boyertown. Dress accordingly.**
- **Please pack your own lunch and/or bring along money for holiday shopping, food, and drink.**

Meeting Times:

Helping Hands Office: 10:45am - 3pm

Fee: \$25.00 to cover staffing and transportation



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Friday, December 11, 2026 – Wild Lights @ Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown, PA

Wild Lights at the Elmwood Park Zoo is an annual holiday walk-through winter festival featuring millions of glowing lights, illuminated animal displays, and festive family activities.

Dazzling Displays: The 16-acre zoo is transformed with illuminated pathways, giant light tunnels, and glowing animal sculptures.

Holiday Attractions: Visitors can meet Santa in Santa's Workshop, view live reindeer, and visit special animal guests like mini-Highland cows.

Entertainment & Treats: Enjoy live musical performances, fire pits for warming up, s'mores, hot chocolate and other seasonal treats.

NOTE:

- **This is an outdoor activity. Dress accordingly.**
- **Please eat dinner before you arrive for the activity.**
- **Bring along any preferred spending money for souvenirs, snacks, or drink.**

Meeting Times:

Helping Hands Office: 5pm-9pm

Fee: \$73.00 to cover admission, transportation, and staffing fees



Saturday, December 19th, 2026 –Holiday Movie and Cookie Baking Jamboree!

It's time to make yummy cookies and watch your favorite holiday movies with your friends!! Wear your festive holiday themed outfits for a fun afternoon of laughter, the scent of fresh baked cookies, and time with friends.

- Each participant will leave with a batch of cookies to take home.
- **Please each lunch before you come. Snacks & drinks will be provided.**

Meeting Time: Helping Hands Office: 12pm - 4:00pm

Fee: \$30.00 to cover activity and staffing costs



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Sunday Bowling League at Lucky Strike (Formerly Bowlero) Ridge Pike, Limerick PA

The season will begin on September 13th wrap up for the holidays on December 6th with a bowling party.

*After the holidays, the league will resume again on January 10, 2027.

- **Please arrive by 2:15** so we have time to get all bowlers paid for & to their designated lanes by 2:30pm.
- We will start at 2:30pm and end between 4:15pm- 4:30pm. The cost will remain \$11 for two games & shoes.
- **If you have not done so yet, please call the office (610) 754-6491 or email hhirecreation@helpinghandsinc.com to let us know you will be in attendance. All bowlers must pre-register.**

Shore Retreat Weekends:

A. October 2nd – 4th

B. November 13th – 15th

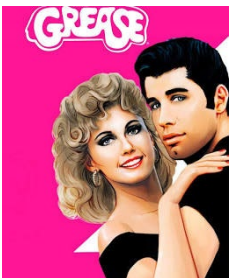
C. December 4th – 6th

We will be hosting three shore retreat weekends at the Helping Hands Shore house. Participants will arrive at the Helping Hands office at 12:00pm on the Friday of their scheduled weekend and return to the office around 7:00pm on their scheduled Sunday. The cost is \$600 per weekend. *Waiver funding may also be used by contacting your Supports Coordinator directly to request that 2 units at \$300/unit be approved in the ISP.* **To sign up for a weekend, please contact the main office at 610-754-6491 or email us at hhirecreation@helpinghandsinc.com.** Please let us know if you plan on using waiver funding. *All fees must be paid in advance of attending the weekend retreats.* All weekends are first come, first served and spots will be limited. **Each participant may only select one weekend.**

September-December 2026 Notes

- Special Olympics swim practice will begin on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. Practice will run each Wednesday from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at the Boyertown YMCA. Helping Hands will not be providing staff, but there are many volunteers at the activity to support each participant as needed.
- **If any participants have any specific activities that they'd like to see planned, please let us know!**

FUNDRAISERS 2026



Saturday, September 26, 2026-Grease! Pop-up Drive in Movie in Bechtelsville

We're excited to create a new community tradition with family-friendly Movie Nights under the stars at Ridgewood Winery on Daffodil Hill Farm!

- **Part of the night's proceeds will benefit Helping Hands.**
- Live local musicians performing before the movie, popcorn & hotdogs, wine & refreshments, community sponsors & vendors
- Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a relaxing night under the stars.
- \$10 per car pre-sale \$15 per car the day of the event
- <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/popup-drive-in-movie-nights-grease>



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Bosco's Friend Helping Friends –This fundraiser is one day only! On October 21st, 2026

Any time between 8am and 11pm both in store or online purchases can be made.

- Donate \$5.00 for a 25% off discount shopping pass and register to win a \$100 Bosco's Gift Card.
- 100% of your donation goes towards Helping Hands.
- For Shopping passes or more information please contact the office. Shopping passes may also be purchased day-of in the store.



For more details visit boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends

Gift Card Fundraiser – Due dates: October 23rd and December 2nd 2026



You purchase gift cards from Helping Hands, Inc. at face value, and we order those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for Helping Hands, Inc. It's really that simple! When you use the gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're fundraising while you shop.

We will place two orders this season, due on either October 23rd or December 2, 2026. Order forms are attached

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 “Dinner for a Cause” Fundraiser at the Main Street Pub in Bally.

Reservations are highly recommended as the restaurant gets very busy on these fundraiser nights.

Address: 505 Main Street Bally, PA

Time: 5pm-9pm

A portion of the proceeds for the evening will be donated directly to Helping Hands, Inc.



Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser-Philadelphia Premium Outlets, Limerick PA

We will continue to hold our annual holiday gift wrap booth at the Philadelphia Premium Outlets.

- If interested in volunteering for a 2-hour block anytime during the season, let us know by emailing fundraising@helpinghandsinc.com
- We begin on Black Friday and run through Christmas Eve.

Poinsettia Fundraiser: Due Date December 2, 2026

Helping Hands, Inc. will be holding a Poinsettia Fundraiser for the holiday season, from Levensgood's Flowers. **The order forms will be available closer to the holiday season.**

Orders are due by December 2, 2026. Please call the office and ask for Laura regarding any questions.



Watch our Facebook Page for any other upcoming events and information!

Birthdays

<u>September</u>		<u>October</u>	
Jan Batten	9/2	Tim Mefferd	10/2
David Bradbury	9/16	Caitlynne Cannon	10/6
Lori McCann	9/16	Chris Colletti	10/8
Lou Sengvilayheuang	9/17	Mason Burns	10/10
Frank Chesney	9/17	Bob Byers	10/10
Tara Brothers	9/20	David Weidemoyer	10/11
Salvatore Tamburello	9/29	Allison Taylor	10/14
		Kiley Schaller	10/16
		Laura McGinty	10/22
<u>November</u>		<u>December</u>	
Stacey Repko	11/7	Van Murphy	12/11
John Albertson	11/7	Colleen Horning	12/12
Theresa Tryon	11/8	Michelline Bender	12/15
Michael Carl Jr.	11/11	Chris Hoagey	12/20
Sarah Heath	11/11	Patrick Were	12/23
Vanessa Carpenter	11/11	Stephanie Clarke	12/23
Maria Geary	11/15	Todd Cole	12/24
Amanda Gitney	11/15	Stacey Altmiller	12/24
Matt Pennypacker	11/17	Travis Dreis	12/28
Louise Faust	11/18	Sophia Taylor	12/28
Thomas Jones	11/21	Trevor Kristoff	12/30
Kristi Heydt	11/22	David Warner	12/31
Donna Magee	11/24		
Connor Weisbecker	11/25		
Liz Salmons	11/30		
Kelly Brightbill	11/30		
Ivy Fox	11/30		

